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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
6 DISTRICT OF ARIZONA  
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8 United States of America,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 Maximo Lopez-Cortez,

12 Defendant.

08-03477M

**Order Granting Parties' Joint Motion  
to Extend Time to Indict**

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14 HAVING considered the parties' Joint Motion for Extension of Time to Indict and  
15 good cause having been shown;

16 THE COURT makes the following findings:

- 17 1. Counsel for defendant has only recently been appointed;
- 18 2. The defendant earnestly wishes to consider the plea offer extended by the government;
- 19 3. The defendant wishes to investigate possible defenses prior to considering the  
20 government's plea offer, which is made pursuant to a 'fast track' early disposition  
21 program authorized by the Department of Justice pursuant to § 401(m) of the Prosecuting  
22 Remedies and Tools Against the Exploitation of Children Today Act of 2003 (PROTECT  
23 Act), Pub. L. 108-21, 117 Stat. 650 (Apr. 30, 2003);
- 24 4. The government's plea offer, if accepted by the defendant and then the court, would  
25 likely reduce defendant's exposure to a significant term of imprisonment;
- 26 5. If the defendant does not timely accept the plea offer prior to indictment, the government  
27 will withdraw said plea offer and any subsequent plea offer after indictment would likely  
28 be less advantageous to the defendant;
6. Failure to extend time for indictment in this instance would thus operate to bar defendant  
from reviewing the government's plea offer in a meaningful way prior to indictment;
7. Granting an extension of time for indictment in this case is likely to result in the case  
being resolved earlier, which would further the public's interest in the timely and efficient  
administration of justice; and

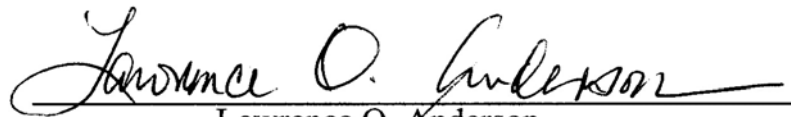
1 8. The ends of justice served by this continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and  
2 the defendant in a speedy indictment.

3 The Court therefore concludes that the ends of justice are best served by granting an  
4 extension of time to present the case to the grand jury and in excluding a period of thirty (30)  
5 days under the Speedy Trial Act. In making this determination, the Court has particularly taken  
6 into account that the failure to grant the Defendant's request "would deny counsel for the  
7 defendant . . . the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the  
8 exercise of due diligence." 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(B)(iv).

9 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties' Amended Joint Motion for Extension of Time  
10 to Indict requesting an extension of thirty (30) days within which the government may seek to  
11 indict defendant, is hereby granted.

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161, the  
13 Government shall have an extension of thirty (30) days to file a timely Indictment. Excludable  
14 time shall begin to run on the 31st day after arrest for a period of thirty (30) days in which the  
15 Government may present the case to the grand jury.

16 DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008.

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19 Lawrence O. Anderson  
United States Magistrate Judge